

December

The great outdoors is the world's best classroom.

Nature Center Winter Hours:

Open 9:30 a.m.- 4:00 p.m. Thursday- Monday

Closed Tuesday and Wednesday

*Healthy Parks/Healthy People: Look for HP/HP on the schedule to get 'INshape' with us, and discover what it takes to keep a state park or reservoir healthy.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2

- 11:00 a.m.** ***HP/HP- Woodpecker Walk- Meet at the Nature Center-** Watch and listen for *five* types of woodpeckers and discover their different habitats.
- 2:00 p.m.** **Woodpecker Holiday Treats- Nature Center-** Make a pinecone birdfeeder creatively designed to attract woodpeckers.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3

- 10:00 a.m.** **Coffee and Songbird Connection- Nature Center-** Stop by the Nature Center to learn more about where some of the birds go in the winter and enjoy a cup of shade-grown coffee! A naturalist will be around for questions throughout the morning.
- 2:00 p.m.** **Winter Crafts- Nature Center-** Make creative snowflakes to decorate your windows and holiday trees. All supplies provided.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9

- 10:00 a.m.** ***HP/HP- Winter Wonder Walk- Meet at the Nature Center-** Take a walk through the Wolf Cave Nature Preserve to tap into the park's winter beauty.
- 2:00 p.m.** ***HP/HP- Winter Tree I.D. Walk- Meet at the Nature Center-** No leaves? No problem! Quick clues to identify trees by shape, bark, & branch patterns.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10

- 10:00 a.m.** **Coffee and Songbird Connection- Nature Center-** see December 3.
- 2:00 p.m.** **Voices in the Sky!- Nature Center-** Make your own flying crane and learn more about Sandhill cranes that migrate through Indiana skies.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 16

- 10:00 a.m.** ***HP/HP- Brisk Winter Walk- Meet at the Nature Center-** Stay in shape for the holiday season and enjoy nature, too!
- 2:00 p.m.** **"Signs of the Season" Scavenger Hunt- Nature Center**

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17

- 10:00 a.m.** **Coffee and Songbird Connection- Nature Center-** see December 3.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 23

- 10:00 a.m.** **Waterfalls or Icicles? Meet at the Canyon Inn front steps-** Take a hike with a naturalist to see the popular waterfalls in the winter.
- 2:00 p.m.** **Holiday Nature Jewelry- Nature Center-** Create a unique nature pin.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24

- 10:00 a.m.** **Coffee and Songbird Connection- Nature Center-** see December 3.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS: CLOSED FOR CHRISTMAS DAY

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 28

- 10:00 a.m.** ***HP/HP- Winter Wildlife Walk- Meet at the Canyon Inn front steps-** Look, listen, and watch for evidence of wildlife as we enjoy a moderate outdoor hike.
- 2:00 p.m.** **Makin' Tracks!- Nature Center-** Can you read the stories left behind by animals? Create a easy tracking guide to take home with you.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 29

- 10:00 a.m.** ***HP/HP- Brisk Winter Walk- Meet at the Nature Center-** Stay in shape for the holiday season and enjoy nature, too!
- 2:00 p.m.** **Resident Reptiles- Nature Center-** Meet some of our warm weather resident reptiles and learn more about hibernation habits.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 30

- ALL DAY** **Holiday Bird Watch-** Drop into the Nature Center to help count birds at our feeders for our 20th Annual McCormick's Creek Christmas Bird Count, sponsored by the Sassafras Audubon Society.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31

- 10:00 a.m.** **Coffee and Songbird Connection- Nature Center-** see December 3.